

Introduced by Senator Walters

February 6, 2013

An act to add Sections ~~60063~~ 60063.3 and 60063.5 to the Education Code, relating to instructional materials.

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SB 185, as amended, Walters. Instructional materials: digital format.

Existing law requires the State Board of Education to adopt at least 5 basic instructional materials in specified subject areas for use in kindergarten and grades 1 to 8, inclusive, for district boards, as defined. Existing law also requires the governing board of each school district maintaining one or more high schools to adopt instructional materials that meet specified criteria for use in the high schools under its control. Existing law prohibits the state board from adopting instructional materials until the 2015–16 school year.

Existing law requires a publisher or manufacturer of instructional materials to provide to the state, at no cost, computer files or other electronic versions of each state-adopted literary title and the right to transcribe, reproduce, modify, and distribute the material in braille, large print if the publisher does not offer a large print edition, recordings, American Sign Language videos for the deaf, or other specialized accessible media exclusively for use by pupils with visual or other disabilities that prevent use of standard instructional materials.

~~This bill would require a publisher or manufacturer submitting a printed instructional material for adoption by the state board or the governing board of a school district to ensure that the printed instructional material is also available in an equivalent digital format~~

during the entire term of the adoption. The bill would require a publisher or manufacturer that offers printed instructional materials in an equivalent digital format to offer the digital format at the same cost as, or lower cost than, the cost of the purchased printed format, and would require a publisher or manufacturer of printed supplemental instructional materials to offer the supplemental instructional materials in an equivalent digital format at the same cost as, or lower cost than, the cost of the purchased printed format. The bill would, if the publisher or manufacturer cannot obtain copyright due to a 3rd-party contract conflict, authorize an equivalent digital format to be substituted with comparable digital materials. *authorize school districts and county offices of education to negotiate the price of standards-aligned instructional materials and supplemental materials in a printed or digital format.* The bill would require instructional materials to be offered by a publisher or manufacturer as unbundled elements. The bill also would authorize a school district to use instructional materials in digital format that were purchased by the school district to create a districtwide online digital database for classroom use, as specified. ~~The bill would exempt from these requirements small publishers and small manufacturers of instructional materials, as defined, and would specify that these provisions be implemented in accordance with specified provisions suspending the adoption of instructional materials by the state board.~~

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 ~~SECTION 1. Section 60063 is added to the Education Code,~~
- 2 ~~to read:~~
- 3 ~~60063. A publisher or manufacturer submitting a printed~~
- 4 ~~instructional material for adoption by the state board pursuant to~~
- 5 ~~Section 60200 or the governing board of a school district pursuant~~
- 6 ~~to Section 60400 shall ensure that the printed instructional material~~
- 7 ~~is also available in an equivalent digital format during the entire~~
- 8 ~~term of the adoption.~~
- 9 ~~SECTION 1. Section 60063.3 is added to the Education Code,~~
- 10 ~~to read:~~
- 11 ~~60063.3. Notwithstanding paragraph (1) of subdivision (a) of~~
- 12 ~~Section 60061, school districts and county offices of education~~

1 *may negotiate the price of standards-aligned instructional*
2 *materials and supplemental materials in either a printed or digital*
3 *format.*

4 SEC. 2. Section 60063.5 is added to the Education Code, to
5 read:

6 ~~60063.5.—(a) If a publisher or manufacturer offers printed~~
7 ~~instructional materials in an equivalent digital format pursuant to~~
8 ~~Section 60063, the digital format shall be offered at the same cost~~
9 ~~as, or lower cost than, the cost of the purchased printed format.~~

10 ~~(b) A publisher or manufacturer of printed supplemental~~
11 ~~instructional materials shall offer the printed supplemental~~
12 ~~instructional materials in an equivalent digital format, at the same~~
13 ~~cost as, or lower cost than, the cost of the purchased printed format.~~

14 ~~(c) For purposes of this section, if a publisher or manufacturer~~
15 ~~cannot obtain copyright due to a third-party contract conflict, an~~
16 ~~equivalent digital format may be substituted with comparable~~
17 ~~digital material when adopting instructional materials.~~

18 ~~(d)~~

19 ~~60063.5. (a) Instructional materials or supplemental~~
20 ~~instructional materials shall be offered by a publisher or~~
21 ~~manufacturer as unbundled elements to enable the digital material~~
22 ~~or printed materials to be purchased separately from other~~
23 ~~components.~~

24 ~~(e)~~

25 ~~(b) A school district may use instructional materials in digital~~
26 ~~format that were purchased by the school district to create a~~
27 ~~districtwide online digital database for classroom use consistent~~
28 ~~with an online security system that is mutually agreed on by the~~
29 ~~publisher and the school district.~~

30 ~~(f) (1) The requirements of this section shall not apply to a~~
31 ~~small publisher or small manufacturer of instructional materials.~~

32 ~~(2) For purposes of this subdivision, “small publisher” and~~
33 ~~“small manufacturer” mean an independently owned or operated~~
34 ~~publisher or manufacturer that, together with its affiliates, has 100~~
35 ~~or fewer employees and average annual gross receipts of ten million~~
36 ~~dollars (\$10,000,000) or less over the previous three years.~~

37 ~~(g) This section does not authorize the use of instructional~~
38 ~~materials that would constitute an infringement of copyright under~~
39 ~~the federal Copyright Revision Act of 1976, as amended (17 U.S.C.~~
40 ~~Sec. 101 et seq.).~~

- 1 ~~(h) This section shall be implemented in accordance with the~~
2 ~~suspension of the instructional materials adoption process pursuant~~
3 ~~to Section 60200.7.~~
4 ~~(i) This section does not require a publisher or manufacturer~~
5 ~~that submits instructional materials in digital format only for~~
6 ~~adoption by the state board or the governing board of a school~~
7 ~~district to offer or submit an equivalent print version of the~~
8 ~~instructional materials in digital format.~~